

## Ironmen Summit: “Brothers-in-Arms” Philippians 1:27-28a

Uniting together, as brothers-in-arms, in the battle to live worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The biblical calling, pitfalls, attitudes, and some practical resources for fighting the good fight of faith together.

**What is the modern American man?**

**Where should we get our ideas of manhood?**

*Philippians 1:27-28a - [27] Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, [28] and not frightened in anything by your opponents.*

**The Command:** *“let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ” – v. 27a*

**What does this look like?**

1. Standing Firm in “One Spirit” – v. 27b
2. Contending Side by Side for the Gospel – v. 27c
3. Not Intimidated by Opposition – v. 28a

**A Pitfall:**

### Needed Attitudes:

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### Some Practical How-To's:

Not just “doing life” together, but “fighting the good fight” together!

- **Intentionality**
- **1-on-1 accountability**

#### Possible questions:

- Have you spent daily time with the Lord in the Scriptures and in prayer?
- Have you had any flirtatious or lustful attitudes, tempting thoughts, or exposed yourself to any explicit materials which would not glorify God?
- Have you been completely above reproach in your financial dealings?
- Have you invested time in important relationships – wife, kids, grandkids, friends?
- Have you done your 100% best in your job, school, ministry, etc.?
- Have you told any half-truths or outright lies, seeking to put yourself in a better light to those around you?
- Have you shared the Gospel with an unbeliever this week?
- Have you taken care of your body through daily physical exercise and proper eating/sleeping habits?
- Have you allowed any person or circumstance to rob you of your joy in Christ?
- Have you lied to me on any of your answers today?

- **1-on-1, or small group, Bible study & prayer**
  - TAP
  - COMA
  - Read separately and meet to discuss a good book –
    - John Piper: Desiring God; The Pleasures of God
    - R.C. Sproul: The Holiness of God; Chosen by God
    - Charles Bridges: The Discipline of Grace
    - John MacArthur – Ashamed of the Gospel
    - Arthur Pink – The Attributes of God
    - A.W. Tozer – The Knowledge of the Holy
    - J.I. Packer – Knowing God
    - Biographies: Hudson Taylor’s Spiritual Secret; George Muller: Delighted in God
  
- **Fellow-Soldier Evangelism**

**TAP – Colossians**

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (ESV)*

**T – Teach** – (teaching) What does the passage teach about God, Jesus, salvation, people, the world, life, etc?

**A – Adjustments** (rebuking/correcting) What adjustments in my life do I need to make to obey the truth of this passage? How should I apply this to my life?

**P – Prepare** – (training in righteousness) How does this passage prepare me to minister to others? Who is someone I could minister to this week (evangelize, train, touch of kindness – Matthew 9:35-38)?

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| 1) Colossians 1:1-8 | 8) 2:16-19   |
| 2) 1:9-14           | 9) 2:20-23   |
| 3) 1:15-20          | 10) 3:1-11   |
| 4) 1:21-23          | 11) 3:12-17  |
| 5) 1:24-29          | 12) 3:18-4:1 |
| 6) 2:1-5            | 13) 4:2-6    |
| 7) 2:6-15           | 14) 4:7-18   |

## COMA – Philippians

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| 1) Philippians 1:1-11 | 7) 3:1-11   |
| 2) 1:12-18            | 8) 3:12-16  |
| 3) 1:19-30            | 9) 3:17-4:1 |
| 4) 2:1-11             | 10) 4:2-9   |
| 5) 2:12-18            | 11) 4:10-23 |
| 6) 2:19-30            |             |

### PRAY!

#### CONTEXT:

1. What can you learn about the person or situation to which the letter was written?
2. What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
3. What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one? Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

#### OBSERVATION:

4. Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the text? Are there key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?
5. What is the main point or points? What supporting points does the author make?
6. What surprises are there in the flow of the argument?

#### MEANING:

7. How does this text relate to other parts of the book?
8. How does the passage relate to Jesus?
9. What does this teach you about God (Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit)?
10. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

#### APPLICATION:

11. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
12. Is there some attitude you need to change?
13. How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?
14. How does this prepare me to minister to others? Who is someone I could minister to this week (evangelize, train, touch of kindness – Matt. 9:35-38)?

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